

State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY WET #SC2003-0012

August 26, 2003

David J. Bourassa PO Box 705 Greenland, New Hampshire 03840-0705

RE: Wetlands Bureau Complaint File #2003-1865, Bourassa, 475 Great Bay Road, Greenland Tax Map R-12 / Lot 33.

Dear Mr. Bourassa:

On August 12, 2003, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection, along with Bob Cushman, Greenland Building Inspector, of the above referenced property, more specifically referenced on the Town of Greenland Tax Map R-12 as Lot 33 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands Law.

DES personnel determined that filling of approximately 2,700 sq. ft. of freshwater wetlands took place on the property without a permit from the DES Wetlands Bureau.

DES requests that you take the following action

- 1. Retain a qualified wetland consultant to generate a plan which depicts existing conditions showing the topography of the property, and quantifies by field survey the current extent of disturbance in jurisdictional wetlands, and a restoration plan, as described below.
- 2. Submit both the existing conditions plan, and a restoration plan no later than September 26. 2003 for review and approval including:
 - a. A plan with dimensions for the removal of a total of approximately 2,700 sq. ft. of unpermitted fill in wetlands adjacent to Great Bay Road.
 - b. Planting plan (emergent wetland species) for the stabilization of the removal areas;
 - c. Equipment and methods of erosion control (silt fence, hay bales, etc.);
 - d. Construction sequence and timetable for accomplishing remediation no later than October 1, 2003.
- 3. Retain a qualified wetland consultant to supervise and execute the requests of this letter.
- 4. Execute the restoration plan immediately upon receipt of the restoration plan approval from the DES Wetlands Bureau.

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RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging or filling in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit from the Wetlands Bureau. If work is done without a permit from the Wetlands Bureau, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

David Price, Compliance Investigator Wetlands Bureau Department of Environmental Services 360 Corporate Drive Suite 2 Portsmouth, NH 03801

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or wish to arrange a meeting, please contact me at (603) 433-6183.

Sincerely,

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DES Wetlands Bureau

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cc: Rene Pelletier, Manager, Land Resources Management Program

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